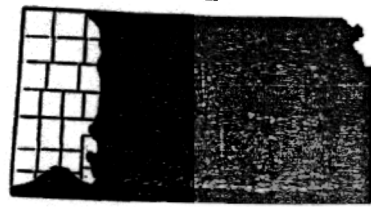


LOAMY TERRACE
KANSAS RANGE SITE DESCRIPTION

1. Location of Site:

Land Resource Area 72
Central High Table Land



2. Climate:

See climate for LRA 72
(Filed in the front of Section II-E)

3. Topography:

This site is on nearly level to gently sloping alluvial benches, terraces, or fans. It receives some additional water in the form of run-in from adjacent uplands. Flooding is rare.

4. Soils and Hydrological Characteristics:

a. These deep soils have loamy or silty surface layers and subsoils. The soils are well drained and have a high available water capacity.

b. The major soils that characterize this site are:

Bridgeport
Dale

Humbarger
Roxbury

c. Erosion of these rangelands by wind and water is a hazard if the vegetation is overgrazed or mismanaged.

5. Climax Vegetation:

a. The natural potential vegetation of this site is a mixed grass prairie. Big bluestem, little bluestem, and sideoats grama are the dominant species in this condition. Combined they will make up about 65 to 70 percent of the total annual yield. This site has a variety of forbs that are mostly found in small amounts.

In its development, the vegetation on this site was influenced by grazing and occasional wildfires. The grazing was predominantly by large transient herds of bison and lesser numbers of other large-hooved animals.

b. Guidelines for Determining Range Condition:

(Percentage of total production by weight)

<u>Grasses and Grasslike - 95 Percent</u>		<u>Forbs - 5 Percent</u>	<u>Shrubs and Cacti</u>
70	40 big bluestem	American licorice	None
	5 indiangrass	aromatic aster	
	15 little bluestem	ashy goldenrod	
	30 sideoats grama	heath aster	
20		Missouri goldenrod	
	5 blue grama	5 pitcher sage	
	5 buffalograss	scarlet globemallow	
	5 vinemesquite	serrateleaf eveningprimrose	
	15 western wheatgrass	skeletonplant	
5		slimflower scurfpea	
	Canada wildrye	wavyleaf thistle	
	sand dropseed		
	sedges		
	switchgrass		

c. Invaders common to this site include prairie threeawn, Japanese brome, kochia, little barley, russianthistle, silver bluestem, tumblegrass, and windmillgrass.

6. Management Implications:

This site generally occurs just above the flood plains on nearly level to gently sloping alluvial benches, terraces, or fans. It occurs on areas commonly referred to as the first and second bottoms where flooding is rare.

Most of this site that occurs as broad, relatively flat areas is being cultivated. The remaining areas in rangeland are usually associated with larger areas of upland range sites. This combination of range sites necessitates the proper location of water, fencing, salt, minerals, feeding areas, and other management techniques to insure proper distribution of grazing.

With continued excessive use by livestock big bluestem, then little bluestem, and sideoats grama will decrease. Long-term overgrazing generally removes these species from the site. Western wheatgrass is the major increaser on this site along with forbs, buffalograss, and blue grama.

When the taller grass species are eliminated, the site becomes dominated by western wheatgrass, buffalograss, and blue grama. In this condition management to return the site to its original productivity is extremely slow. Seeding may be necessary where producers desire to reintroduce the taller species. This condition is quite common especially along the old Sante Fe Trail.

On areas where remnant stands of the taller grasses remain, proper stocking and periodic rest or planned grazing systems are effective in returning the site to near its potential. These are also key elements to maintain or improve the site in any range condition.

7. Wildlife Considerations:

This range site in good to excellent condition, provides excellent habitat for ground nesting birds and other animals. The variety of grasses and forbs found on this site provides the basic ingredients for a large food chain in and around this site.

This site is usually closely associated with wooded streams. It is therefore a common use area for the many species that use the "edge" between grassland and woodland. Many wildlife species prefer the "edge" area for its vegetative diversity.

8. Other Uses and Values:

The alluvial fans, benches, and terraces provide an interesting look at geology and how soil formation and deposition relates to grass production.

This site is often tilled and used as cropland

9. Herbage Production Guidelines:

The following guidelines are based on available clipping data when this site is in excellent condition. Vigor of principal forage species, time of burning, if fire is used, as well as growing conditions, influence annual herbage production.

<u>Growing Conditions</u>	<u>Total Air Dry Herbage</u>	
	<u>Pounds/Acre</u>	<u>Kilograms/Hectare</u>
Favorable	3,000-4,000	3,350-4 500
Normal	2,000-3,000	2,250-3 350
Unfavorable	1,200-2,000	1,350-2 250

10. Guide to Initial Stocking Rates:

<u>Range Condition</u>	<u>Percent Climax Vegetation</u>	<u>Acres/AU Yearlong</u>	<u>AU Months Per Acre</u>	<u>Hectares/AU Yearlong</u>	<u>AUM's per Hectare</u>
Excellent	76-100	16-18	.7	6-7	1.7
Good	51-75	18-22	.6	7-9	1.5
Fair	26-50	22-28	.5	9-11	1.25
Poor	0-25	28+	.35	11+	.85

These guidelines are considered safe initial stocking rates from which a sound management program can be built. Grazing only during the dormant season or use of a specialized grazing program will usually allow a substantial increase in the stocking rates shown.

This site is not normally used for hay production.

11. Relative Preference of Plant Species:

Preferences of plant species by classes of livestock and uses by wildlife will vary from year to year and season to season. The table below is what might be expected under average climatic conditions and good management.

Forage Preferences

H = High
M = Medium
L = Low

Wildlife Preferred Uses

C = Cover
F = Food
N = Nesting

Plant Species	Animal Species			
	Cattle	Sheep	Deer	Pheasant
American licorice	H	H	F	F
big bluestem	H	H	C	C,N
blue grama	H	H	---	---
buffalograss	H	H	---	---
heath aster	M	H	F	C,F
Japanese brome	M <u>1/</u>	H <u>1/</u>	F <u>1/</u>	F <u>1/</u>
little bluestem	H	H	C	C,N
scarlet globemallow	L	M	F	F
serrateleaf eveningprimrose	L	M	---	---
sideoats grama	H	H	---	C,N
slimflower scurfpea	L	M	F	C,F
switchgrass	H <u>2/</u>	L	C	C,F,N
vinemesquite	H <u>2/</u>	M <u>1/</u>	F	C,F,N
western wheatgrass	H <u>1/</u>	M <u>1/</u>	F	C,N

1/ Has a high preference during lush growth periods.

2/ Preferred during first half of growing season.

Reference:

Anderson, Kling L. and Clenton E. Owensby. 1969 Common Names of a Selected List of Plants. Kansas State University Tech. Bul. 117.

LOAMY TERRACE
KANSAS RANGE SITE DESCRIPTION

1. Location of Site:

Land Resource Area 73
Rolling Plains and Breaks



2. Climate:

See climate for LRA 73
(Filed in the front of Section II-E)

3. Topography:

This site is on nearly level to gently sloping alluvial benches, terraces, or fans. They receive some additional water in the form of run-in from nearby uplands. Flooding is rare.

4. Soils and Hydrological Characteristics:

a. These deep soils have loamy or silty surface layers and subsoils. The soils are well drained and have a high available water capacity.

b. The major soils that characterize this site are:

Bridgeport
Detroit
Hord

McCook
Roxbury

c. Erosion of these soils by wind and water is a hazard if the vegetation is overgrazed or mismanaged.

5. Climax Vegetation:

a. The natural potential vegetation of this site is a mixed grass prairie. Big bluestem dominates the site. Sideoats grama, western wheatgrass, and little bluestem are other major grasses. This site has a variety of forbs that are mostly found in small amounts.

In its development, the vegetation on this site was influenced by grazing and wildfires. The grazing was predominantly by large transient herds of bison and lesser numbers of antelope, elk, and deer.

b. Guidelines for Determining Range Condition:

(Percentage of total production by weight)

<u>Grasses and Grasslike - 95 Percent</u>		<u>Forbs - 5 Percent</u>	<u>Shrubs and Cacti - T</u>
60	50 big bluestem	American licorice	T American plum pricklypear yucca
	5 Canada wildrye	aromatic aster	
	5 indiangrass	ashy goldenrod	
	10 little bluestem	catclaw sensitivebriar	
	5 switchgrass	dotted gayfeather	
25	sideoats grama	daisy fleabane	
	western wheatgrass	heath aster	
0		5 Illinois bundleflower	
	blue grama	Louisiana sagewort	
	buffalograss	Missouri goldenrod	
	sedges	pitcher sage	
	tall dropseed	scarlet globemallow	
T		scarlet guara	
	plains muhly	serrateleaf eveningprimrose	
	rosette panicums	skeletonplant	
	sand dropseed	slimflower scurfpea	
		spiderwort	
		western ragweed	

- c. Invaders common to this site are Japanese brome, kochia, little barley, prairie threeawn, russianthistle, silver bluestem, tumblegrass, and windmillgrass.

6. Management Implications:

This site generally occurs just above the flood plains on nearly level to gently sloping alluvial benches, terraces, and fans. It occurs on an area commonly referred to as the first and second bottoms where flooding is rare.

Most of this site that occurs on broad flat areas is being cultivated. The remaining areas in rangeland are usually associated with larger areas of upland range sites. This combination of range sites necessitates the proper location of water, salt, minerals, feeding areas, fencing, and other management techniques to insure proper distribution of grazing.

With continued excessive use by livestock big bluestem, then little bluestem, and sideoats grama will decrease. Long-term overgrazing generally removes these species from the site. Western wheatgrass is the major increaser on this site along with forbs, blue grama, and buffalograss.

When the taller grass species are eliminated, the site becomes dominated by western wheatgrass, blue grama, and buffalograss. In this condition management to return the site to its original productivity is slow.

On areas where remnant stands of the taller grasses remain, proper stocking and periodic rest or planned grazing systems are effective in returning the site to near its potential. These are also key elements to maintain or improve the site in any range condition.

7. Wildlife Considerations:

This range site in good to excellent condition, provides excellent habitat for ground nesting birds, rodents, and other small animals. The variety of grasses and forbs found on this site provides the basic ingredients for a large food chain in and around this site.

This site is usually closely associated with wooded streams. It is, therefore, a common use area for the many species that use the "edge" between grassland and woodland. Many wildlife species prefer the "edge" for its vegetative diversity.

8. Other Uses and Values:

Most of this site is used for cropland. The fertile deep soils are excellent for housing and other developments. Rare flooding is a limited problem.

9. Herbage Production Guidelines:

The following guidelines are based on available clipping data when this site is in excellent condition. Vigor of principal forage species, time of burning, if fire is used, as well as growing conditions, influence annual herbage production:

<u>Growing Conditions</u>	<u>Total Air Dry Herbage</u>	
	<u>Pounds/Acre</u>	<u>Kilograms/Hectare</u>
Favorable	4,000-5,000	4,480-5,600
Normal	3,000-4,000	3,360-4,480
Unfavorable	2,000-3,000	2,240-3,360

10. Guide to Initial Stocking Rates:

<u>Range Condition</u>	<u>Percent Climax Vegetation</u>	<u>Acres/AU Yearlong</u>	<u>AU Months Per Acre</u>	<u>Hectares/AU Yearlong</u>	<u>AUM's per Hectare</u>
Excellent	76-100	12-15	.9	5-6	2.2
Good	51-75	15-20	.7	6-8	1.7
Fair	26-50	20-30	.5	8-12	1.2
Poor	0-25	30+	.3	12+	.75

These guidelines are considered safe initial stocking rates from which a sound management program can be built. Grazing only during the dormant season or use of a specialized grazing program will usually allow a substantial increase in the stocking rates shown.

When maintained in good to excellent condition, an average hay yield of about 1 ton per acre can be expected from this site.

11. Relative Preference of Plant Species:

Preferences of plant species by classes of livestock and uses by wildlife will vary from year to year and season to season. The table below is what might be expected under average climatic conditions and good management.

Forage Preferences

H = High
M = Medium
L = Low

Wildlife Preferred Uses

C = Cover
F = Food
N = Nesting

Plant Species	Animal Species			
	Cattle	Sheep	Deer	Pheasant
American licorice	H	H	F	F
big bluestem	H	H	C	C,N
blue grama	H	H	--	--
buffalograss	H	H	--	--
dotted gayfeather	M	M	--	--
heath aster	M	H	F	C,F
Japanese brome	M <u>1/</u>	H <u>1/</u>	F <u>1/</u>	F <u>1/</u>
little bluestem	H	H	C	C,N
sand dropseed	M	L	--	--
scarlet globemallow	L	M	F	F
sedges	M	M	F	
serrateleaf eveningprimrose	L	M	--	--
sideoats grama	H	H	--	C
slimflower scurfpea	L	M	F	F
switchgrass	H <u>2/</u>	L	C	C,F,N
tall dropseed	M	L	C	C,N
western ragweed	M	M	F	F
western wheatgrass	H	M	F	C,N

1/ Has a high preference during lush growth periods

2/ Preferred during first half of growing season

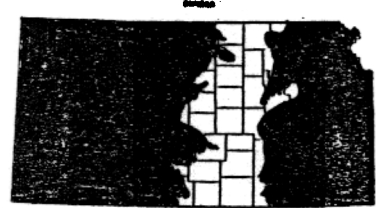
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LOAMY TERRACE
KANSAS RANGE SITE DESCRIPTION

1. Location of Site:

Land Resource Areas 74, 75, and 80A
Central Kansas Sandstone Hills,
Central Loess Plains, and
Central Rolling Red Prairies



2. Climate:

See climate for LRA's 74, 75, and 80A
(Filed in the front of Section II-E)

3. Topography:

This site is on nearly level or gently sloping alluvial benches, terraces, or fans. They receive some additional water in the form of run-in from nearby uplands. Flooding is rare.

4. Soils and Hydrological Characteristics:

a. These deep soils have loamy or silty surface layers and subsoils. Permeability of these soils is moderate or moderately slow. They are well drained or moderately well drained with a high available water capacity. The water table is below the root zone of most range plants.

b. The major soils that characterize this site are:

Brewer	Hobbs
Bridgeport	McCook
Dale	McLain
Detroit	Port
Elandco	Reinach
Eudora	Roxbury

All soils on this site are rarely flooded. For occasionally or frequently flooded soils, see the Loamy Lowland Range Site Description.

c. These soils generally have a low erosion hazard

5. Climax Vegetation:

a. The natural potential vegetation of this site is a mixed grass prairie. Big bluestem dominates the site. Indiangrass, switchgrass, and little bluestem are other major grasses. This site has a variety of forbs that are mostly found in small amounts.

In its development, the vegetation on this site was influenced by grazing and wildfires. The grazing was predominantly by large transient herds of bison and lesser numbers of antelope, elk, and deer.

b. Guidelines for Determining Range Condition:

(Percentage of total production by weight)

<u>Grasses and Grasslike - 95 Percent</u>		<u>Forbs - 5 Percent</u>	<u>Shrubs and Cacti - T</u>
70	40 big bluestem	American licorice	T American plum buckbrush pricklypear
	5 eastern gamagrass	aromatic aster	
	15 indiangrass	ashy goldenrod	
	15 little bluestem	catclaw sensitivebriar	
	10 switchgrass	compassplant	
15	5 blue grama	dotted gayfeather	
	5 rosette panicums	daisy fleabane	
	10 sideoats grama	heath aster	
	5 western wheatgrass	5 Illinois bundleflower	
		Louisiana sagewort	
10	5 buffalograss	manyflower scurfpea	
	5 Canada wildrye	Missouri goldenrod	
	5 plains muhly	pitcher sage	
	5 sedges	rush skeletonplant	
	5 tall dropseed	scarlet gaura	
T	prairie cordgrass	scarlet globemallow	
		serrateleaf eveningprimrose	
		slimflower scurfpea	
		spiderwort	
		western ragweed	

c. Invaders common to this site are Japanese brome, kochia, little barley, prairie threeawn, russianthistle, silver bluestem, tumblegrass, and windmillgrass.

6. Management Implications:

Most of this site that occurs on broad flat areas is being cultivated. The remaining rangeland is usually associated with larger areas of upland range sites. This combination of range sites necessitates the proper location of water, salt, minerals, feeding areas, fencing, and other management techniques to insure proper distribution of grazing.

With continued excessive use by livestock big bluestem, indiangrass, eastern gamagrass, little bluestem, and switchgrass will decrease. Sideoats grama and western wheatgrass are the major increasers on this site along with forbs, blue grama, and buffalograss.

10. Guide to Initial Stocking Rates:

<u>Range Condition</u>	<u>Percent Climax Vegetation</u>	<u>Acres/AU Yearlong</u>	<u>AU Months Per Acre</u>	<u>Hectares/AU Yearlong</u>	<u>AUM's per Hectare</u>
Excellent	76-100	8-11	1.3	3-4	3.2
Good	51-75	11-15	1.0	4-6	2.5
Fair	26-50	15-25	.7	6-9	1.7
Poor	0-25	25+	.4	9+	1.0

These guidelines are considered safe initial stocking rates from which a sound management program can be built. Grazing only during the dormant season or use of a specialized grazing program will usually allow a substantial increase in the stocking rates shown.

When maintained in good to excellent condition, an average hay yield of 1.25 to 1.5 tons per acre can be expected from this site.

11. Relative Preference of Plant Species:

Preferences of plant species by classes of livestock and uses by wildlife will vary from year to year and season to season. The table below is what might be expected under average climatic conditions and good management.

Forage Preferences

H = High
M = Medium
L = Low

Wildlife Preferred Uses

C = Cover
F = Food
N = Nesting

Plant Species	Animal Species			
	Cattle	Sheep	Deer	Pheasant
American licorice	H	H	F	F
big bluestem	H	H	C	C,N
blue grama	H	H	---	---
buffalograss	H	H	---	---
dotted gayfeather	M	M	F	---
eastern gamagrass	H	H	C,F	C,F,N
heath aster	M	H	F	C,F
Japanese brome	M <u>1/</u>	H <u>1/</u>	F	F
little bluestem	H	H	C	C,N
scarlet globemallow	L	M	F	F
sedges	M	M	F	---
serrateleaf eveningprimrose	L	M	---	---
sideoats grama	H	H	---	C
scurfpeas	L	M	F	F
switchgrass	H <u>2/</u>	L	C	C,F,N
tall dropseed	M	L	C	C,N
western ragweed	M	M	F	C,F
western wheatgrass	H	M <u>1/</u>	F <u>1/</u>	C,N

1/ Has a high preference during lush growth periods.

2/ Preferred during first half of growing season

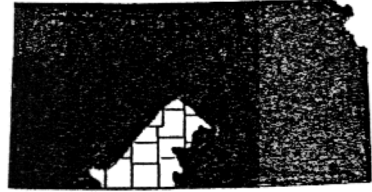
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LOAMY TERRACE
KANSAS RANGE SITE DESCRIPTION

1 Location of Site:

Land Resource Areas 78 and 79
Central Rolling Red Plains and
Great Bend Sand Plains



2. Climate:

See climate for LRA's 78 and 79
(Filed in the front of Section II-E)

3. Topography:

This site is on nearly level or gently sloping alluvial benches, terraces, or fans. They receive some additional water in the form of run-in from nearby uplands. Flooding is rare.

4 Soils and Hydrological Characteristics:

a. These deep soils have loamy or silty surface layers and subsoils. The soils are well drained and have a high available water capacity.

b. The major soils that characterize this site are:

Bippus

Dale

Kaski

All soils on this site are rarely flooded. For occasionally or frequently flooded soils, see the Loamy Lowland Range Site Description.

c. Erosion of these soils by wind and water is a hazard if the vegetation is overgrazed or mismanaged.

5. Climax Vegetation:

a. The natural potential vegetation of this site is a mixed grass prairie. Big bluestem dominates the site. Sideoats grama, western wheatgrass, and little bluestem are other major grasses. This site has a variety of forbs that are mostly found in small amounts.

In its development, the vegetation on this site was influenced by grazing and wildfires. The grazing was predominantly by large transient herds of bison and lesser numbers of antelope, elk, and deer.

b. Guidelines for Determining Range Condition:

(Percentage of total production by weight)

<u>Grasses and Grasslike - 95 Percent</u>		<u>Forbs - 5 Percent</u>	<u>Shrubs and Cacti - T</u>
60	50 big bluestem	American licorice	T American plum pricklypear small soapweed
	5 Canada wildrye	aromatic aster	
	5 indiangrass	ashy goldenrod	
	10 little bluestem	catclaw sensitivebriar	
	5 switchgrass	compassplant	
25	15 sideoats grama	dotted gayfeather	
	15 western wheatgrass	daisy fleabane	
		heath aster	
		Illinois bundleflower	
		5 Louisiana sagewort	
10	blue grama	Missouri goldenrod	
	buffalograss	pitcher sage	
	sedges	rush skeletonplant	
	tall dropseed	scarlet globemallow	
		scarlet gaura	
T	plains muhly	serrateleaf eveningprimrose	
	rosette panicums	slimflower scurfpea	
	sand dropseed	spiderwort	
		western ragweed	

Invaders common to this site are Japanese brome, kochia, little barley, prairie threeawn, russianthistle, silver bluestem, tumblegrass, and windmillgrass.

6. Management Implications:

Most of this site that occurs on broad flat areas is being cultivated. The remaining areas in rangeland are usually associated with larger areas of upland range sites. This combination of range sites necessitates the proper location of water, salt, minerals, feeding areas, fencing, and other management techniques to insure proper distribution of grazing.

With continued excessive use by livestock big bluestem, little bluestem, and sideoats grama will decrease. Long-term overgrazing generally removes these species from the site. Western wheatgrass is the major increaser on this site along with forbs, blue grama, and buffalograss.

When the taller grass species are eliminated, the site becomes dominated by western wheatgrass, blue grama, and buffalograss. In this condition, management to return the site to its original productivity is slow.

On areas where remnant stands of the taller grasses remain, proper stocking and periodic rest or planned grazing systems are effective in returning the site to near its potential. These are also key elements to maintain or improve the site in any range condition.

7. Wildlife Considerations:

This range site in good to excellent condition, provides excellent habitat for ground nesting birds, rodents, and other small animals. The variety of grasses and forbs found on this site provides a large food chain in and around this site.

This site is usually closely associated with wooded streams. It is, therefore, a common use area for the many species that use the "edge" between grassland and woodland. Many wildlife species prefer the "edge" for its vegetative diversity.

8. Other Uses and Values:

Most of this site is used for cropland. Flooding is not normally a problem but can occur.

9. Herbage Production Guidelines:

The following guidelines are based on available clipping data when this site is in excellent condition. Vigor of principal forage species, time of burning, if fire is used, as well as growing conditions, influence annual herbage production:

<u>Growing Conditions</u>	<u>Total Air Dry Herbage</u>	
	<u>Pounds/Acre</u>	<u>Kilograms/Hectare</u>
Favorable	4,500-6,000	5,040-6,720
Normal	3,500-4,500	3,920-5,040
Unfavorable	2,500-3,500	2,800-3,920

10. Guide to Initial Stocking Rates:

<u>Range Condition</u>	<u>Percent Climax Vegetation</u>	<u>Acres/AU Yearlong</u>	<u>AU Months Per Acre</u>	<u>Hectares/AU Yearlong</u>	<u>AUM's per Hectare</u>
Excellent	76-100	10-12	1.1	4-5	2.7
Good	51-75	12-17	.8	5-7	2.0
Fair	26-50	17-25	.6	7-10	1.5
Poor	0-25	25+	.4	10+	1.0

These guidelines are considered safe initial stocking rates from which a sound management program can be built. Grazing only during the dormant season or use of a specialized grazing program will usually allow a substantial increase in the stocking rates shown.

When maintained in good to excellent condition, an average hay yield of about 1.0 ton per acre can be expected from this site.

11. Relative Preference of Plant Species:

Preferences of plant species by classes of livestock and uses by wildlife will vary from year to year and season to season. The table below is what might be expected under average climatic conditions and good management.

Forage Preferences

H = High
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Wildlife Preferred Uses

C = Cover
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Plant Species	Animal Species			
	Cattle	Sheep	Deer	Pheasant
American licorice	H	H	F	F
big bluestem	H	H	C	C,N
blue grama	H	H	---	---
buffalograss	H	H	---	---
dotted gayfeather	M	M	---	---
heath aster	M	H	F	C,F
Japanese brome	M <u>1/</u>	H <u>1/</u>	F	F
little bluestem	H	H	C	C,N
sand dropseed	M	L	---	C
scarlet globemallow	L	M	F	F
sedges	M	M	F	---
serrateleaf eveningprimrose	L	M	---	---
sideoats grama	H	H	---	C
slimflower scurfpea	L	M	F	F
switchgrass	H <u>2/</u>	L	C	C,F,N
tall dropseed	M	L	C	C,N
western ragweed	M	M	F	C,F
western wheatgrass	H	M	F	C,N

1/ Has a high preference during lush growth periods

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